



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/785,559 Confirmation No. 8134  
Applicant : Randy Jon Clark *et al.*  
Filed : February 24, 2004  
TC/A.U. : 1732  
Examiner : Mary Lynn F. Theisen  
Docket No. : 26401/09640  
Customer No. : 27530  
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Title : Thin-layer lignocellulose composites having  
increased resistance to moisture and methods  
of making the same

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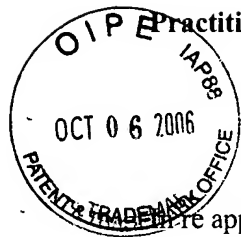
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006, and is intended to be responsive to each and every issue raised in that Action. This document is believed to be timely in view of the three-month shortened statutory period for response that was stated in the Action.

**Amendments to the claims** are shown in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.



Practitioner's Docket No. 26401/09640 (fka 49942/298784)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006 for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

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INDEP.	2	— 3	= 0	x \$ 200.00	=	\$ 0.00		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	=	\$ 0.00		
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